

## HANGED FRIDAY.

Fischer, Engel, Spies and Parsons Executed.

### Incidents of Their Last Hours.

This news is condensed from the Abilene Daily Gazette Extra of Friday afternoon: Pending the execution, Thursday night and Friday forenoon, many curious phases of life were enacted. Spies fairly hooted at the beseechings of Rev. Dr. Bolton to be permitted to pray for him. Spies's firmness was astonishing. Parsons's fortitude was the wonder of observers. He sang "Annie Laurie" and then sang it again. The coffins were taken to the jail at 3:15 A. M. At 6 A. M. 300 policemen, armed with rifles, bayonets, revolvers and full cartridge belts, were on duty at the jail. Cordons of police and numerous other guards surrounded the entire block in which the jail stands. Detectives outside the police lines mingled with the crowd. At 4 A. M. the four doomed men were in the heaviest of slumbers. Other prisoners were so placed as not to be able to witness a glimpse of the execution. The gallows is in the extreme east corner of the cell room. The death warrant of the four prisoners was read by Sheriff Matson at 11 o'clock. At exactly 11:54 the four anarchists were launched into eternity. Spies weakened at last.

### RECEIVING THE NEWS.

Heartrending Scenes in Cook County Jail.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—When the news of the commutation of the sentences of Fielden and Schwab was received at the jail, there was an extraordinary scene of activity.

The news was sent to the relatives of all the condemned men, and in a short time they began to arrive at the jail. The first of the women to arrive was Mrs. Schwab. Soon after Schwab was brought from his cell to the main office. His wife quickly advanced to him, and, throwing her arms around his neck, burst into tears. Schwab returned her embrace in a calm manner, and soon the two were chatting quietly together.

After this, Spies and Fischer were brought from their cells and taken to the jail library. Engel was brought to the private office of Mr. Folse. This was for the purpose of allowing the relatives to take their last interview.

The first of the women to arrive after Mrs. Schwab was Miss Engel, the daughter of the condemned anarchist. When the two met in the private office there was an outburst of grief, which it is impossible to describe. Father and daughter clung to each other and sobbed convulsively. Their conversation was in German, and listened to by only Deputy Oleson.

Then came Mrs. Spies, the mother of August. She had been waiting outside for an hour and a half. Her sobs could be heard through the corridors of the building. She did not stay long in the library with her son, and soon made her exit. Mrs. Fischer was then admitted. She went into the library, and her lamentations were heard above the tramp of the deputies, who swarmed about the place.

But the crowning scene of all was the visit of Nina Van Zandt, the proxy wife of Spies. She was conducted to the library by Deputy Oleson. As she walked through the main office she betrayed no emotion. The moment she saw August, however, completely changed her demeanor. There was a look, then a gasp, and in a trice the lovers were in each other's arms. A curious bevy of reporters and officers crowded up to the door of the library, but it was quickly shut by the deputy. The interview between the prisoner and his beautiful devotee lasted nearly half an hour. What actually transpired will never be known to the world, but it was sufficient to bring a glimmer of tears to the eyes of the old deputy.

At six o'clock there was an influx of deputy sheriffs to the jail, men who had for years been serving civil writs, and not bothering their heads about hanging, came in. They all wear heavy overcoats, and in the right hand pockets of these are bulky objects, which, to the eyes of the experienced were plainly revolvers. Orders were given forbidding the entrance of any one not connected with the press or the sheriff's office. Then some of the deputies went to supper and matters quieted down.

### Oglesby's Decision.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 10.—The following is the governor's decision in full in the anarchists' case:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD, NOVEMBER 10, 1887.

On the 20th day of August, 1886, in the Cook county criminal court, August Spies, Albert R. Parsons, Samuel Fielden, Michael Schwab, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg were found guilty by the verdict of the jury and afterwards sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Mathias J. Degan. An appeal was taken from such finding and sentence to the supreme court of the state.

That court upon a final hearing, and after mature deliberations, unanimously affirmed the judgment of the court below. The case now comes before me by petition of the defendants for consideration, as

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governor of the state. If the letters of Albert Parsons, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg demanding unconditional release, or as they express it, "liberty or death," and protesting in the strongest language against the mercy, or commutation of the sentence pronounced against them, can be considered by the petitioner a pardon, could it be granted, which might imply any guilt whatever, on the part of either of them, would not be such a vindication as they demanded. Executive intervention on the grounds insisted on by the four above named persons could in no proper sense be deemed an exercise of the constitutional power to grant reprieves, commutations or pardons unless based on the belief on my part of their entire innocence of the crime of which they stand convicted.

A careful consideration of the evidence in the record in the trial of the parties, as well as of all alleged and claimed for them outside of the record, has failed to produce on my mind any impression tending to impeach the verdict of the jury or the judgment of the trial court or of the supreme court affirming the guilt of all these parties.

Satisfied, though, as I am, of their guilt, I am precluded from considering the question of commutation of the sentence of Albert R. Parsons, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg to imprisonment in the penitentiary, as they have really declared they will not accept such commutation.

Samuel Fielden, Michael Schwab and August Spies unite in a petition for executive clemency. Fielden and Schwab, in addition, present supplementary petitions for commutation of their sentences. While, as said, above, I am satisfied of the guilt of all the parties as found by the verdict of the jury, which was sustained by the judgment of the courts, a most careful consideration of the whole subject leads me to the conclusion that the sentences of law as to Samuel Fielden and Michael Schwab may be modified as to each of them, in the interest of humanity, and without doing violence to the public justice; and as to the said Samuel Fielden and Michael Schwab the sentence is commuted to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

As to all the other named defendants, I do not feel justified in interfering with the sentence of the court. While I would gladly have come to a different conclusion in regard to the sentence of the defendants August Spies, Adolph Fischer, George Engel, Albert Parsons and Louis Lingg, I regret to say that, resting under the solemn obligation of my office, I have been unable to do so.

(Signed.) RICHARD J. OGLESBY, Governor.

YORK STATE Democracy is on top, with 15,000 votes between its feet and Colonel Fred Grant. In accounting for the defeat of Grant, a view should be had of the heavy registration in Democratic strongholds and of the light registration in Republican strongholds, of the old Grant & Ward firm and of the anti-prohibition sentiment which caused many German Republicans to vote with the Democrats. All these and endless piles of money more than offset the fame of the son of his father.

JOSEPH E. GARY has been elected judge of the superior court of Cook county Ill., by a majority of 49,826. Gary presided over the court in which the anarchists were tried. Captain Black, socialist, who has been the chief in defending the anarchists, was Gary's opponent. He received 6,258 votes. Chicago seems, after all, to be a law-and-order settlement.

It is not claimed seriously by any citizen who is thoughtful and conscientious that Hogan is in any sense a better man than Escher. This prevents Escher's defeat from being chargeable to any great moral uprising. Spite work did it. If the actors have dimmed Escher's political glory, they have completely destroyed their own.

ALLEN G. THURMAN performs on General Henry R. Jackson a choice job of rhetorical decapitation for making his fool secession speech at Macon. Thurman also uses a heavy sledge hammer in dealing blows at the Southern Democrats who have recently been making secession speeches in Northern states.

We discover no desire on the part of the World to write an elaborate article on the result of last Tuesday's election in Trego county. Any moral drawn from such an affair would of necessity be weighted down with the immoral.

In dealing with the case of the anarchists, Governor Oglesby has acted the part of a brave, conscientious executive. His detractors will be confined to a small set of socialists.

THE 9,000 majority received by Jackson, Democrat, for governor of My Maryland is the smallest received by any winning candidate for this position for twenty years.

In the western commissioner district of Ellis county M. M. Fuller, Republican candidate for commissioner, was defeated by John Pearson by 155 to 135.

HART, Republican candidate for state treasurer, carries Pennsylvania by 36,896 plurality over McGrann, Democrat.

IOWA, of course, elects Republican state officers and the same kind of a legislature.

POOR COOPER! The Dems. forgot on election day that he was their candidate.

NEW JERSEY elects a legislature which is Republican in both branches.

HOAR ran on the get-there style.

—Treasurer Gibbs says business is getting lively in his office.

—Millard Fuson, of the south part of the county, was up yesterday.

—There is to be an oyster supper at Rev. W. H. Mahaffie's residence next Friday evening.

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